

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were submitted for examination. Claims 1-26 have been rejected. Claim 10 has been amended.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 13-19, 22-26 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,854,661 to Gregory Kochanski ("Kochanski"). Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 11, 12, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kochanski in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,952,992 to Frank P. Helms ("Helms").

102(b) Rejection – Kochanski

Independent claim 1 recites in part:

"a camera; and

a display screen, a brightness of which is to be adjusted in response to measuring ambient light, wherein said ambient light is measured by analyzing one or more images produced by the camera."

(Emphasis added).

Kochanski teaches a system to eliminate or subtract undesirable reflection images on a display screen caused by proximately located light sources. The system first locates the reflection images on the display screen and then eliminates these images by adjusting the brightness values of the reflection images' pixels. (Abstract) (Emphasis added). The system includes a camera and a control unit which associates pixels on the display screen with locations in the

camera field of view, and then obtains estimates for the brightness of the reflection that appears on each associated pixel. It then eliminates reflection images by adjusting the brightness value of each pixel on which a portion of the reflection images appears. The control unit acquires, through the camera, a raw image of the camera field of view...stores a copy of the raw image...derives the angular positions and angular sizes of all relevant objects capable of causing reflection images present therein. (Col. 3, line 58 to col. 4, line 3). The system then causes the display control unit to adjust the brightness of one or more of the display pixels at the first set of pixel locations to remove the pixels reflected image component from at least a portion of the pixels. (Emphasis added).

Applicants submit that the image captured by the camera in Kochanski is used to locate the reflection images from the display screen and to adjust brightness of display pixels associated with the reflected images. This is different from the image being used to measure ambient light as claimed in claim 1.

Applicants submit that, at least for one or more of the above reasons, claim 1 is not anticipated by Kochanski and that the 102(b) rejection has been overcome.

Since claims 2-9 depend from and further limit claim 1, applicants submit that claims 2-9 are also patentable over Kochanski.

Applicants further submit that, at least for one or more of the above reasons, independent claims 10 and 19 and their corresponding dependent claims are also patentable over Kochanski.

103(a) Rejection – Kochanski in view of Helms

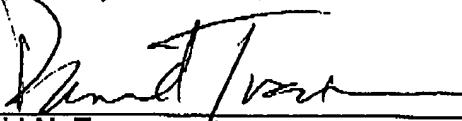
Applicants submit that because claim 1, 10 and 19 are patentable over Kochanski, and because claims 2, 3, 5-8 depend from and further limit claim 1, and claims 11 and 12 depend from and further limits claim 10, and claims 20 and 21 depend from and further limit claim 19, the 103(b) rejection has been overcome.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (408) 765-4692.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David N. Tran  
Attorney of Record for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 50,804  
Direct Phone No. (408) 765-4692

Date: May 4, 2004